# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL WATER IN GANGA AND BRAHMAPUTRA BASINS
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**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of flow of additional water in the Ganga and Brahmaputra basin which often causes floods;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated quantum of additional water flows in the basins at present; and

(d) the additional area of land where irrigation facilities can be provided with the use of additional water?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Floods which cause excess flows are the natural phenomenon in the rivers including Ganga and Brahmaputra river basins.

Flood Management being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, funding, executing and operating of flood control schemes primarily rests with the concerned State Governments.

(c) & (d) The total water resources in the Ganga and Brahmaputra basins are estimated at about 1110 billion cubic meter (BCM).Due to hydrological & topographical constraints and environmental & ecological considerations, the utilizable flows of these basins are estimated at 274 BCM.

As per the available information, the States falling in the above basins have net irrigated area of about 37% with respect to their ultimate irrigation potential. The available flows in these basins will be utilized for creating the additional irrigation potential besides other uses like drinking water, industrial use etc.